

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 684 – SB 606

March 23, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005247): Deletes all language of the original bill and requires the Department of Human Services to enter agreements with the Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee system to provide interpreter services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals attending public institutions of higher learning at no cost to the individual as required by federal law.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$91,400

Other Fiscal Impact – There will be a shift in expenditures estimated to exceed \$5,000,000 to the Department of Human Services from higher education to fund interpreter services for hearing impaired students.

The Department of Human Services could be in jeopardy of losing federal funds in the amount of \$66,646,500 if the provisions of the bill result in non-compliance with the federal Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The language of the proposed legislation as amended codifies the current practice of the Department of Human Services and the Board of Regents and University of Tennessee system to provide interpreter services to deaf and hearing impaired students enrolled at the public institutions of higher education.
- No fiscal impact on state government.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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